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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER
DE LA FLOR FROM THE SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MIGUEL ANGEL: I AM WRITING TO LET
YOU KNOW THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT PERU NOW AS WE HAD
PLANNED.

3. FACED WITH THE CHOICE OF DRASTICALLY LIMITING MY TRIP
OR NOT COMING AT ALL TO SOUTH AMERICA THIS MONTH, I HAVE
DECIDED TO CURTAIL MY ORIGINAL SCHEDULE TO APRIL 24-27, TO
VISIT ONLY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA AT THAT TIME,
AND TO RESCHEDULE MY VISIT TO THE PACIFIC COAST FOR A LESS
HURRIED OCCASION.

4. PLEASE CONVEY TO PRESIDENT VELASCO MY SINCERE REGRETS,
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AND MY DESIRE TO ARRANGE ANOTHER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE

FOR A VISIT TO PERU.

5. YOU PERSONALLY KNOW HOW MUCH--AND FOR HOW LONG--I HAVE WANTED TO APPRECIATE PERU'S REALITIES FIRST HAND. MY INTEREST IS UNDIMINISHED. I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH YOU NEXT MONTH AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO DISCUSSING WITH YOU THEN THE TIMING OF MY STAY IN LIMA. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

6. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH AT THE SAME TIME TO CONVEY ORALLY TO THE FORMIN THE SECY'S ESTEEM FOR HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH DE LA FLOR AND HIS CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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